

## Fresh air

WHAT a delightful read was the article "Why we must make a commitment" by young Baruch Stern (*AJN* 19/5/00). Its ingenuousness, commonsense and freedom from the sort of social-political propagandist sloganising beloved of so many of his elders was like a breath of fresh air. In the best possible sense, the prediction in *Mishna Sotah* (9:15) has come to life: "In the immediate pre-Messianic era ... the young shall put elders to shame!" If 14-year-olds like Baruch are growing up in Sydney, I have no fear for the community's future.

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